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1. LT COLONEL SEYNI KOUNTCHE CONVOKED DIPLOMATIC CORPS 1800 HOURS LOCAL APRIL 19. SPEAKING WITHOUT NOTES HE REPEATED PREVIOUSLY STATED REASONS ARMY HAD ASSUMED POWER. CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP WAS STRICTLY INTERNAL AFFAIR NEITHER PROVOKED BY NOR DIRECTED AGAINST ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY. HE GAVE ASSURANCES THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD HONOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND WISHED CONTINUE FREINDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. REFERRING SEVERAL TIMES TO CATASTROPHIC EFFECTS OF DROUGHT HE THANKED EXTERNAL DONORS FOR HELP AND ASKED THAT THEIR ASSISTANCE CONTINUE.

2. PRIOR TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF SMC FOREIGN MINISTER CAPTAIN MOUMOUNI DJERMAKOYE TOLD GROUP NIGER WISHED CONTINUATION CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. HE PROMISED

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HE WOULD BE COOPERATIVE, HELPFUL AND FILLED WITH EAGERNESS

OF YOUTH(FANATISME DE JEUNESSE). HE ASKED IN RETURN SUPPORT
AND ASSISTANCE FOR NIGER.BUCHE

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